

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for gathering information on a database on a computer at a first location relevant to the creation of a family tree with respect to at least one identified individual, organizing the information, and displaying it in the form of a family tree, comprising the steps of:
searching multiple ~~unrelated~~ databases unrelated to said database on said computer at said first location over through a communication network and scanning the database using a software program on said computer at said first location for obtaining relevant information regarding at least one candidate for said family tree,
reviewing said information according to a set of algorithms by said software program for obtaining a relationships to other individuals entered into the local database and assessing the probability assessment that the newly identified individual at least one candidate is related to the original at least one identified individual,
providing said information, along with the probability assessment to the user for acceptance or rejection; and
and updating the database family tree upon acceptance by the user.
2. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said network is the internet.
3. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said algorithms are contained in software that is loaded onto a personal computer.
4. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said algorithms are contained in software that is loaded onto Kiosk.
5. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said algorithms are contained in software that is contained on a third party server and is accessed by the user via a connection to a network.

6. (original) A method according to claim 4 wherein said network is the Internet.

7. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the data is rendered into a family tree format and printed on a printer connected to a personal computer.

8. (original) A method according to claim 7 wherein the printing is done on a Kiosk.

9. (original) A method according to claim 7 wherein the printing is done by a third party service provider.

10. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the data is stored on a Compact Disk.

11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the data is input at a third party location.

12. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the data is partitioned into sections.

13. (original) A method according to claim 12 wherein different levels of accessibility are provided for each section.

14. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the individuals are related not through family relationships but due to other experiences.

15. (original) A method according to claim 14 wherein said experience is a secondary school or university class.

16. (original) A method according to claim 14 wherein said experience is related to military service.

17. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said data may comprise any one of the following: text, image, or sound.

18. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein other individuals may add or edit information contained in the database.

19. (original) A method according to claim 18 wherein the user has the option to approve or not approve said additions or edits.

20. (currently amended) A method for gathering information on a database on a computer at a first location relevant to the creation of a family tree with respect to at least one identified individual, organizing the information, and displaying it in the form of a family tree, comprising the steps of:

searching multiple ~~unrelated~~ databases unrelated to said database on said computer at said first location over through a communication network and scanning the database using a software program on said computer at said first location for obtaining relevant information regarding at least one candidate for said family tree;

reviewing said information according to a set of algorithms by said software program for obtaining a relationships to other individuals entered into the local database and assessing the probability assessment that the ~~newly identified individual~~ at least one candidate is related to the ~~original~~ at least one identified individual;

providing said information, along with the probability assessment to the user for acceptance or rejection; and

updating the ~~database~~ family tree upon acceptance by the user wherein the data comprising the family tree is contained on a web page hosted on a server connected to a network.

21. (original) A method according to claim 20 wherein the data comprising the family tree is contained in a web page hosted on a server connected to a network.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20 wherein said network is the Internet.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20 wherein said web page includes a template for setting forth the manner and structure of the web page/site.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20 wherein said web page is hosted by a business establishment having a plurality of such web pages.

25. (original) A method according to claim 20 wherein said electronic data base is accessed by a Kiosk.

26. (original) A method according to claim 20 wherein said electronic data base is accessed by personal computer at a location remote from said electronic data base.

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33. (currently amended) A computer software product for gathering information on a database on a computer at a first location relevant to the creation of a family tree with respect to at least one identified individual such that when loaded onto a computer will cause the computer to go through the steps of:

searching multiple ~~unrelated~~ databases unrelated to said database
on said computer at said first location over through a communication network and
~~scanning the database~~ using a software program on said computer at said first
location for obtaining relevant information regarding at least one candidate for
said family tree;

reviewing said information according to a set of algorithms by said
software program for obtaining a relationships to other individuals entered into
~~the local database and assessing the probability~~ assessment that the ~~newly~~
~~identified individual~~ at least one candidate is related to the original at least one
identified individual;

providing said information, along with the probability assessment
to the user for acceptance or rejection; and

updating the ~~database~~ family tree upon acceptance by the user.